

- Group I: Claims 1 to 7, drawn to traveling waves in piezoelectric elements (Class 310/323.03);
- Group II: Claims 8, 9, 14, 17, 21, 25 and 29, drawn to piezoelectric elements with elliptical motion (Class 310/323.16); and
- Group III: Claims 10 to 13, 15, 16, 18 to 20, 22 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 32, drawn to motors producing continual motion (Class 310/323.02).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group II, including Claims 8, 9, 14, 17, 21, 25 and 29, in the present application.

The restriction requirement respectfully is traversed. Applicant submits that the subject matter in each of Groups I, II and III is so closely related that examination of the claims in any one of Groups I, II and III necessarily will require examination of the art relevant to each of the other two groups.

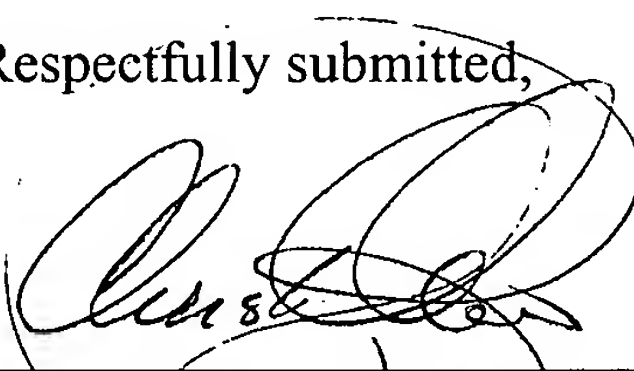
In particular, the claims in each of Groups II and III relate to a vibration apparatus and define a vibration generated on the vibration element; accordingly, Applicant submits that examination of the claims in Group II necessarily will require examination of the subject matter of Group III, and vice versa.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement respectfully are requested.

Applicant believes that the present response is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. Favorable consideration, withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement and examination on the merits of the elected claims respectfully are requested.

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